

Remarks/Arguments

Claim Summary

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been revised, and accordingly, Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 9-18 remain pending in the application.

36 U.S.C. ¶112, first paragraph

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been revised to delete the phrase “ $m + n = 1$ ”, thus rendering moot the rejection under 36 U.S.C. ¶112, first paragraph.

35 U.S.C. ¶102 and ¶103 – Kinsho et al.

Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 9-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. ¶102 or ¶103 as being unpatentable over Kinsho et al. (US 6312867).

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been revised to state that the polymers thereof “consists of” the monomers set forth in these claims.

Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 9-18 are neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, the teachings of Kinsho et al. for the same reasons as stated in the Request For Reconsideration filed February 13, 2004.

Conclusion

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon the Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 9-18 now-pending in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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